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SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF NEW MILGP COMMANDER

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- 1. VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION AND EFFORT RE THIS PROBLEM.
- 2. AS YOU KNOW FROM MY MESSAGES, I BELIEVE DOD HANDLED PLANNING FOR SENIOR MILGP REPLACEMENTS BADLY AND HAVE NOTED THAT DOD PROPOSAL INVOLVES MORE SIMULTANEOUS SHIFTS IN SENIOR MILGP POSITIONS THAN SEEMS WISE AT THIS SENSITIVE JUNCTURE IN OUR RELATIONS WITH CHILEAN MILITARY.
- 3. SINCE DOD PERSISTS IN ITS ORIGINAL PROPOSAL, I CONCLUDE THAT THE "LEAST UNSATISFACTORY" PROCEDURE AT THIS STAGE IS TO PROCEED TO IMPLEMENT PERSONNEL CHANGES AS PROPOSED BY DOD.
- 4. NEW CHIEF OF NAVY SECTION CAME ABOARD THIS WEEK. UNLESS THERE IS OBJECTION, I SHALL PROCEED NEXT WEEK TO NOTIFY GOC OF APPOINTMENTS OF COL. GEORGE AS NEW COM USMILGP AND COL. FISHER AS NEW ARMY SECTION CHIEF.
- 5. I APPRECIATE DOD'S WILLINGNESS TO EXTEND TOURS OF INCUMBENT MILGP PLANS/ADMIN OFFICER AND INCUMBENT ARMY SECTION ENGINEER/CONFIDENTIAL

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TRAINING OFFICER FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS. HOWEVER, IN LIGHT OF

SENIOR PERSONNEL CHANGES BEING MADE, I BELIEVE THE VALUE OF A THREE MONTH EXTENSION FOR THESE OFFICERS DOES NOT WARRANT THE PERSONAL HARDSHIP INVOLVED FOR THEM. ACCORDINGLY, I PREFER NOT TO EXERCISE THAT OPTION.

5.	AGAIN,	MANY	THANKS	FOR	YOUR	HELP	AND	BETTER	LUCK	NEXT
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